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CONDITIONS VERY BAD.
Even the capitalist papers are beginning to tell stories of happenings here at home that, a few years ago, caused us to shudder when reading of them in oppressed foreign lands. In the Globe-Democrat of Monday appeared the story of the attempted suicide in St. Louis of a pretty French girl, Miss Augusta Chabrier, 18 years old.
A few years ago Augusta and her mother left France to dwell among the "free" and located in East St. Louis. Recently the mother died. Augusta went to St. Louis to seek employment. Here is her story:

"A week ago I got a position in a peanut factory. I did piece-work. During the three days that I worked I only earned 85 cents. I knew I could not live on that."
But Augusta did not give up. She looked for a better job. For four days she tramped the streets seeking employment. "Weak from want of food and the soles of her shoes worn through, Miss Chabrier gave up," says the G.-D. Who wouldn't? It was up to her to choose between a life of shame or death. She chose the latter, and when dark came, made for the river. A watchman caught her as she was in the act of jumping in.
Eighty-five cents for three days work—and yet the plumes deny that it is their system that drives young girls to prostitution and young men to crime. In the same issue of the paper appeared this dispatch:

Jefferson City, Mo., July 19.—Jefferson City is overrun with unemployed men, according to Frank Gretlein, member of the local Police Department. Gretlein said he saw forty-five men put off Missouri Pacific train No. 10 last night at the station.
Scores of the men are still canvassing the city looking for work and begging their food. Some of them told Gretlein they were thrown out of employment by the closing down of mills and factories. The men report that conditions are duplicated in hundreds of cities over the United States.
A dozen burglaries have been committed here during the past week.

A SERIOUS BLUNDER.
At the April term of circuit court Lawrence Deboe was tried for burglary. He was accused of taking 20 bottles of whiskey from Bandy's saloon at Chaffee. The jury failed to agree on his guilt and Deboe was sent back to jail to await another trial.
But Deboe didn't like jail life and, one day when the jail was being aired and cleaned up, he quietly stole away without hat or shoes.
Deboe's wife works in a hotel at Chaffee and Sheriff Ellis had received word that Deboe was slipping into the hotel at night. Sunday night the Sheriff and Attorney G. R. Daugherty secreted themselves in a coal shed near the hotel and awaited developments. Presently some one was heard running by and Mr. Daugherty said to the Sheriff, "that's him."

According to the story as told by Sheriff Ellis, he called to the spinster to halt. But the spinster did not heed. The Sheriff called again to halt or he'd shoot. To this the spinster replied, "Go to hell." The Sheriff pulled the trigger.
The spinster halted, and when the Sheriff reached him he found that it was Rudie Cook, a young married man of Chaffee, and that he had been hit in the arm between the wrist and elbow.
Cook was hurried to a doctor where it was found that a bone had been broken. He is said to be recovering nicely.

FROM MORLEY.
Attorney J. A. Finch of Forneft is here looking after the bankrupt stock of B. F. Earle's.
Dr. Blackledge and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. DeWint of Commerce passed through here Sunday.
The Morley Sanitation committee will give an entertainment at the M. E. church Tuesday night.
Dr. P. S. Tate has returned from St. Louis.
E. B. Howie, of Barlow, Ky., is visiting relatives here.
John W. Black is visiting relatives in Illinois.
E. Daugherty has returned from Creal Springs, Ill.
The Earle's bankrupt stock sold for \$3,850.
Mrs. Ed. McBride is sick.

PUBLIC SALE.
Wednesday, July 20, on the Casper Roth farm, half mile east of Ilmo, beginning at 9:30 a. m., I will sell at auction a 3-year old mare, a 3-year old horse, a two year old horse, two mules, three cows, a brood sow, eight shoats, Milwaukee binder, Deering mower hay rake, one-way disc, a wheat drill, corn drill, a Chatham wheat fan, a farm wagon, road wagon, spring wagon, two Blount plows, a sulky plow, a sweep rake, three acres growing corn, a lot of last year's hay, household and kitchen furniture and other articles.
Also an exceptionally good organ which will be sold separately.
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G. H. ROTH.

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HERE AND YONDER.
The usually sleepy town of Benton was awakened about 10 o'clock Sunday night by the cry of fire. The little office building belonging to John McWilliams and occupied by Ad Goetting as an ice cream and fruit stand, was burning. The building was only one-story, 16x26, but it burned fiercely and sent fire-brands floating through the air that were carried more than a block among the residences to the west. The huge frame Wiel building was only 20 feet away and the chance to save it appeared very slight. Had this building caught, it is probable that the Sheriff's residence and other buildings in that block would have burned. Even the Kicker building and others in this block might have suffered. But there was plenty of help and all worked with hose and buckets without noise or confusion, and the fire was confined to the building where it originated. Mr. Goetting had closed up only a short while before the fire was discovered, which is supposed to have originated by the careless throwing of cigar or cigarette stubs about a small palm tree kept in the place. It is said this tree caught on a pile of papers and came near setting the place on fire. According to reports there was \$350 insurance on the building and \$450 on contents.

The plumes are especially strong on religion. Rockefeller, Morgan Ryan and the other pirates giving millions—and they are not particular as to the particular brand. Yet they have never been accused of contributing a cent toward the advancement of Socialism. Hence I want the average workman to bump his head against something real hard to see if he can set his brain to working. Then I want him to tell me why landlords and bankers, Catholic and Protestant, oppose Socialism. Until he can answer that question intelligently he is a political ignoramus.

There may not be any money in running a newspaper in the interest of the masses, but there is a whole lot of satisfaction about it. W. A. Lee, of Chaffee, writes: "I have read your paper ever since it started and like it because it gives the facts just as they exist." The majority of subscribers on the Kicker list have been with it from the start. R. W. Taylor of Commerce rushes in his renewal and writes, "I don't want to miss a copy." No amount of money could give the satisfaction that such expressions of confidence give.

What do you think of arresting a fellow for stealing straw? At Cape a warrant was issued for Henry Kirschhoff charging him with stealing about fifty dollars worth of straw from the farm of Mrs. Lillie Ross McVey, which farm Kirschhoff was cultivating. He baled the straw and sold it, and Mrs. McVey claims the value of it. The state agricultural department is advising farmers to bale their straw and use it in place of hay which will probably be very scarce.

Now that the Appellate court has put the lid on, about the only way I see for the people of Scott county to get hold of the books to have them audited is to elect men who will have no interest in "hiding the shells."
J. H. Braman of Vanduser was here Tuesday. He has spent the past two months in Ripley county, where he has a farm, and expects to return there soon.
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hess and Mrs. Simon Heiserer of Oran were here Monday and stopped a while to chat with the Kicker folks.
W. A. Maddox, the Oran sewing machine man, passed thru here Wednesday on his regular trip to Commerce.

Wm. Oliver of Oran was here Monday and reported the corn crop west of Oran in a bad way. Wm. McFadden and family of Ilmo visited the family of Uncle Sam Worley over Sunday.
Miss Sybilla Diebold of New Hamburg is staying with Mrs. A. L. Daniel, who is sick.
Sol. Heiserer of Keiso was in Benton Friday and spent a while with the Kicker.
Leo Dohogne and family of Keiso were in Benton Tuesday.
J. S. Keesee of Ilmo was a Benton visitor Monday.
Jas. F. Allen of Oran was a Benton visitor Tuesday.
Mrs. Sam Worley is sick.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
The stock stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Glastetter and left a big girl, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Scherer stood sponsors at the baptism.
The Misses Clara and Dina Schlitt spent Sunday afternoon with their cousin, Miss Amanda Schwartz.
Mrs. Charles Diebold spent one day of last week with her sister, Mrs. Charles Burger, near Lone Rock.
Leo Sitten of Benton spent Saturday and Sunday with Jacob Diebold and John Cooley.
Mrs. Theresia Blaes and son of Oran visited the family of Louis Schott Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Diebold visited the family of Joe Hahn Sunday.

Several from here attended the picnic at Chaffee Friday and Saturday.
The show at Stike's hall Sunday night was well attended.
John Stike got 14 wagon-loads of ice from Chaffee Monday.
Louis Glueck spent a few days at the Cape last week.
George Eftink, of Oran, attended church here Sunday.

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FROM SIKESTON.
Sikeston boasts of her wealth, schools and fine churches. On a recent Friday an old colored man of the plantation type arrived here on the north-bound Frisco passenger train. He was penniless and sick. It is said that Caruthersville unloaded him on us. He managed to crawl into an old box car, and there remained until Sunday, when the chief of police had a doctor examine him—perhaps for the purpose of ascertaining if he had any contagious disease. This was all the official attention he received.
The city government was appealed to, but the authorities said they could do nothing. Tuesday A. T. Newton, a kind-hearted traveling man, came to the rescue of the unfortunate man by employing a doctor and removing the sick man to the home of a Mr. Elgin, where it is understood he will be cared for.

Since it is claimed that Caruthersville sent him here the authorities held that Caruthersville should care for him. Is it true that the richest community in Southern Missouri would allow a sick human being to lay in a box car, without attention, because another "Christian" community had shifted the responsibility? What do we mean by Christianity anyway?
Suppose it had been a sick hog or horse instead of a man?

FROM ORAN.
The little girls, the younger set, have perfected an organization to be known as the Busy Bee Sewing Club. Among those present were Helen and Irene Bees, Jane Timmerman, Alice Emory, Dale Watkins and Margaret Obermiller. Helen Bees was elected president, Margaret Obermiller secretary, Alice Emory treasurer. Wade Jones, who was arrested some weeks ago charged with stealing a cow and made his escape from the officer was re-arrested in Dyersburg, Tenn., and brought back by constable Ringo.
Many of the farmers in the hills are hauling water for their stock. Chas. E. Moore evidently thinks we will have no rain soon and has ordered a tank which will make it easier to load.
Morrell DeReign, candidate for prosecuting attorney, while on his way to Oran, the horse scared and ran wrecking the buggy. Morrell's campaign literature was scattered along the road.
Albert Rocket's barn and contents were burned last Wednesday night. Some corn, eight tons of hay and all his farm implements were lost. Insured for \$200.
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Some of our tenant farmers are finding it difficult to keep their heads above the flood of prosperity, but their landlords will probably "carry" them another season. The party or parties that have reported bumper crops in S. E. Mo. ought to be "bumped" out of the state. I have never known a more complete crop failure.
The brick building being erected by Caleb Matthews for an opera house will soon be enclosed and will add much to the appearance of the town.
A. J. Matthews one of the solid men of Sikeston is spending the week here looking after his interests.

George Heiserer and some of his neighbors went out on Hubble Creek fishing Tuesday.
Wm. Newberry and Victor Heiserer each bought a Ford automobile this week.
Martin Bechel has gone up to Chaffee to tend bar for Levi Bechel.

J. D. Bowman returned from a trip to Jefferson City Saturday.
The Misses Winters are visiting relatives at Jackson.
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FROM CHAFFEE.
Our candidate for the Democratic nomination for presiding judge of the county court gets some rough jolts. The Cape Republican Monday said of his arrival there: "J. V. Bandy, a well known Chaffeeite, drove to this city last night by auto and upon reaching here was so worn out that he did not return home until today. Mr. Bandy came in here by the way of Dutchtown and encountered quite a lot of trouble on the way. Shortly after leaving Dutchtown he met with an accident which turned his car over and threw him to the ground and after getting out of that had some other trouble with the machine."
A bad accident occurred here Sunday night when Sheriff Ellis shot Rudie Cook. The sheriff was "laying" for Lawrence Deboe, an escaped prisoner. Cook came running along and the sheriff thought it to be Deboe and ordered him to halt. Cook paid no attention to the command, supposing it to be some one joking. A second command was likewise unheeded and the sheriff fired—the bullet striking Cook in the arm, breaking a bone and inflicting a very painful wound.
Politics is very quiet here and there is not much said about the primary election, although Chaffee has three candidates for county offices. Perhaps the most discussion is over who will fill the vacancy in the prosecuting attorney's office.
Lawrence Gonnell, of Rockview, the 15-year-old deaf mute who was struck by a train and sustained a broken collar bone, is reported doing well.
Mrs. H. C. Hester, wife of our justice of the peace, died last week and was buried at Rockview. She had been an invalid for some time.
The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wise died last week.
M. F. Witt left last week for a short stay at Olney, Ill.
Miss Roxie Wylie is visiting in Columbus, Ohio.
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FROM FORNEFT.
Ed. Schrieffer, J. L. Finch and Ralph Brissenden went to Morley Friday, where the B.F. Earle merchandise was offered for sale by Mr. Finch as trustee in bankruptcy. The stock is said to have invoiced a little over ten thousand dollars and was bought in by Mr. Schrieffer at a little less than four thousand.
P. L. Brown and R. L. Minton, brakemen, were arrested and placed under bond Sunday charged with taking \$13 from Floyd Hudson of Adm. Ill. Hudson says he was riding the freight train near Anna when it happened.
Herman Uelsman returned from Arkansas and reports good land nearly as high in price as here. The landlord has the tillers of the soil horned off everywhere.
This Democratic prosperity is getting whiskers on it. O. W. Moore and Kinder Bros. have closed their stores and will sell out if they can find a buyer.
Fred Bogan was arrested here charged with passing a bogus check and forging the name of F. A. Payne. He was taken to Benton jail. Will "justice" be dished up to him out of the same can as Rucker?

W. A. West was called to Tennessee on account of the death of his brother, an engineer, who was killed in a railroad wreck.
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dembach Friday night.
Mrs. Wm. Diebold is still on the sick list.
Mrs. N. R. Seism visited at the Cape last week.
Patronize the paper that tells it just as it is. No muzzle.

FROM ILLMO.
Forneft was threatened with an epidemic of Ruckerites last week, and Bob Hilleman was first to complain of the symptoms. A fellow by the name of Fred Bogan worked off a bogus check on Robert, but Robert wasn't as unconcerned as were the victims and officials in the Rucker case. He had Bogan arrested right now. But what for? Can't Bogan plead an "honest mistake?"
The thing "on the wing" here seems to be the Royal Gobblers. About three dozen birds were added to the roost last week, which event was followed by good eats. Wishing to spend as much time as possible as near heaven as he can get, Germany Belawingert has had a second story porch added to his residence.
A special election has been called to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman Perkins.

The wife and daughter of conductor Wood have returned from their visit to St. Louis.
The depot at Frensdorf was burglarized, but nothing of value taken.
Rev. Montgomery is at Dawson Springs, Ky., for a week or so.
W. J. Haney, the Perkins postmaster, came here last week.
Arthur Rumsay is back from his visit in Illinois.
FROM HEAD DISTRICT.
Ernest Elfert and family, Geo. Roth and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bruhl spent Sunday with the family of Casper Roth.
The Misses Alma, Emilie, Mary and Augusta Elfert visited Miss Lizzie Uelsman Sunday afternoon. All had a pleasant time.
Hy and Fred Sander spent Sunday afternoon with Charles and Walter Elfert.
August Elfert and family spent Thursday evening with the family of Hy Elfert.
Miss Mary Elfert spent part of last week at the Cape.
Louis Albrecht autoed to the Cape Saturday.

FROM COMMERCE.
Collector and Mrs. Buck and Sheriff Ellis and wife of Benton and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hunter of Morley, came here to see the big floating theatre Saturday night.
Mrs. Emma Kendall of Sikeston will spend the remainder of the summer here with her mother, Mrs. Clara Anderson.
Mrs. Mart Stroud and Miss Bessie Bondurant were at Cairo last Thursday, and Mrs. Ella Oll was at the Cape Friday.
The report reached here Friday that W. N. Patterson of Marston, but formerly of this place, lost his baby July 10.
The Misses Helen and Ruth High returned to St. Louis Sunday after a month's visit with their father here.
Ed. Matthews came in Friday to visit his mother—the first time he had been to his childhood home in five years.
Mart Stroud and children and the Misses Bessie and Adda Bondurant autoed to Benton Saturday.
Miss Ruth Reynolds is clerk in his father's store, and Roscoe Simmons is also employed there.
Jake Kraft of Benton is handling out wurst at Steck's butcher shop here. He knows how.
Mrs. Fannie Stubblefield and daughter returned to their home at Malden Friday.
Rev. Bennett, pastor of the M. E. church, is enjoying his vacation at present.
Ollie Dally is running the ferry while his brother Ed. is on a vacation.
After a month's illness Mrs. J. F. Ellis is improving and is home again.
Miss Susie Bondurant entertained at six o'clock dinner Thursday. We have oil on the streets in our business section.

Norval Anderson was at Cairo Friday and Saturday.
Mrs. R. E. Reynolds visited at Charleston last week.
Paul Anderson has been sick but is about recovered.
Miss Maud Wilcox is visiting at Benton, Ill.
Joe Pell is very sick in the Cape hospital.

FROM REDMAN.
Mrs. Tom Chewing and family spent Tuesday of last week with the family of Mrs. Bill Spaulding. Mrs. Hy Lofton and Mrs. J. S. Webb visited at Oran Sunday.
Joe Hawkins, Isaac Inman and Chas Ditterline attended church at Unity Sunday night.
Miss Gracie Loftin spent Sunday with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Loftin.
Mrs. William Hency of Oran is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Effie Webb.
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Adams spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Inman.
Miss Pearl Fullerton of Benton is visiting Miss Maggie Adams. Charlie Spaulding was in this community Sunday.
Work on the new school building will soon begin.
John Darnell Sundayed in Benton.

FROM HICKORY GROVE.
Married at the home of the bride, Sunday July 19, Miss Mandy Mull to Arthur Harrison. They will begin house-keeping at Morley.
There will be an ice cream supper here for the church Saturday night July 25. Every body is invited. Candidates will be there.
Will Foster and J. W. Stagner took in the boat show at Commerce Saturday night. Will made it back some time Sunday.
Uncle Archie Collins and Miss Laura Smith are visiting at Lill.

burned this week.
Miss Vivian Lemley of Unity visited her sister, Mrs. Wilbourn, this week.

FROM CHEWINGS CHAPPEL.
Charles Kneale and family of Benton, Byrd Turner and family of this place, Raymond and Louie Minter and Harold Wallace took dinner with Warren Hency Sunday.
There will be preaching at the Chapel Saturday night Sunday and Sunday night. N. E. Frye of Crowder will be here.
Leslie, Charley and Ruth Harrison, Katie Craft and brother and Mr. Harrison attended the show at Commerce Sat. night.
Mrs. L. A. Hency is at her daughter's this week picking and canning blackberries.
Byrd Turner, Warren Hency and Wm. Harrison were in Oran Friday of last week.
Mrs. J. S. Webb and Mrs. Henry Loftin spent Sunday at Oran.
Mrs. John Irven is on the sick list.

BUSINESS LOCALS.
For Rent.—Forty acre farm a mile south of Forneft. Good wheat or corn land ready for cultivation. Six acres in meadow. Renter can have possession at once. Mrs. Louisa Hilleman, Illmo, Mo. 26-4t
For Sale.—A dwelling house and lot in Benton. For particulars apply to R. M. TIRMENSTEIN, at Postoffice, Benton. 20-tf.
For Sale.—A large, two-story frame building opposite Court Square—the property of Miss Cleo Freeling. Suitable for residence or hotel. In good condition. S. J. Wade, Benton, Mo.
For Sale or Rent.—A lot 100x 120 feet, with good two-story business building on it, in New Hamburg. For particulars see 17 A. L. HAHN, New Hamburg. Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

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